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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP PEPR PORG CB ID MY BM  
SUBJECT: KAMPUCHEANS REPORTEDLY APPROACH INDONESIANS ABOUT EXCHANGE  
OF DIPLOMATS

1. KAMPUCHEAN AMBASSADOR SAM SAN MAY 30 CALLED ON INDONESIAN  
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES SUWARSO AND INQUIRED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY  
RESPONSE FROM JAKARTA TO A PHOM PENH PROPOSAL THAT THE GOI  
AND THE GDK EXCHANGE PERMANENT DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES.  
(IT WAS UNCLEAR IF THE "REPRESENTATIVES" WERE TO BE AT THE  
AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL.) THE KAMPUCHEAN SAID THAT HIS  
GOVERNMENT HAD FACED MANY INTERNAL PROBLEMS IN THE PAST BUT  
HAD SOLVED THESE PROBLEMS AND WAS NOW ENDEAVORING TO TURN  
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ITS ATTENTION TO FOREIGN POLICY.

2. THE INDONESIAN CHARGE TOLD THE KAMPUCHEAN THAT HE HAD  
NOT RECEIVED ANY COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT ON  
THE MATTER. ACCORDING TO A SENIOR INDONESIAN DIPLOMAT  
HERE, THE KAMPUCHEAN EMBASSY IN PEKING RECENTLY USED  
INTERNATIONAL MAILS TO END TO THE GOI A PROPOSAL FOR THE

EXCHANGE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

3. WITHIN THE PAST YEAR, BOTH THE MALAYSIANS AND THE BURMESE WERE REBUFFED BY THE KAMPUCHEANS IN ATTEMPTS TO EXCHANGE DIPLOMATS WITH KAMPUCHEA. (EACH WAS TOLD THAT THE GDK COULD NOT AFFORD TO ESTABLISH A MISSION ABROAD AT THE TIME AND THAT NO FACILITIES WERE AVAILABLE IN PHNOM PENH TO ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS.)

4. ONLY IN PYONGYANG AND VIENTIANE DO BOTH INDONESIA AND KAMPUCHEA HAVE RESIDENT AMBASSADORS.

5. COMMENT: THE ABSENCE OF AN INDONESIAN EMBASSY IN PEKING (WHERE PHNOM PENH CONDUCTS MUCH OF ITS DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY) OBVIOUSLY HAMPERS KAMPUCHEA IN ITS DEALINGS WITH INDONESIA, THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THE ASEAN STATES. THE KAMPUCHEAN PROPOSAL TO EXCHANGE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES NONETHELESS IS UNUSUAL, GIVEN THE GDK'S HESITANCE IN OPENING UP RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS OF THE REGION AND GIVEN THE GDK'S GRIEVANCE AGAINST THE GOI ARISING OUT OF JAKARTA'S PAST SUPPORT FOR THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT.

6. ONE SENIOR ASEAN DIPLOMAT HERE SPECULATED THAT PERHAPS KAMPUCHEA WANTS INDONESIA TO PLAY THE ROLE OF "INTERNATIONAL BROKER" FOR ITS INTERESTS IN THE REGION. A SENIOR MALAYSIAN DIPLOMAT HOWEVER, REACTED TO THIS  
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SPECULATION AND TO THE ENTIRE REPORT OF THE KAMPUCHEAN APPROACH TO THE INDONESIANS INCREDULOUSLY AND WITH SOME HEAT. HE OBSERVED THAT "AFTER ALL, MALAYSIA MADE THE FIRST APPROACH TO PHNOM PENH."  
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